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**INDIANA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REPORT LOWEST AVERAGE FEE  
INCREASE SINCE 1978, BUT TUITION AT TWO-YEAR COLLEGES REMAINS  
ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE**

An update just released by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education comparing 1997-98 student tuition/fee rates, reports the lowest average increase by Indiana postsecondary institutions in nearly 20 years. This year Indiana's colleges and universities show an average fee increase of 4.3% as compared to an average increase of 7.29% over the last 20 years.

"Not since 1978 has Indiana seen an average fee increase this low," said Stan Jones, Commissioner for Higher Education. "This shows that we are making some progress toward holding the line on tuition increases."

Schools where students will see the smallest increase over last year's tuition include Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University. Ivy Tech raised tuition from \$1880 to \$1937 (3%). Vincennes went from \$2367 to \$2455 (3.7%).

Indiana's Big Ten schools fared exceptionally well when compared with other Big Ten schools. Compared to the rates other Big Ten schools charge residents of their own state, Purdue University and Indiana University are among the least expensive. This is true at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. For rates charged non-resident students, Purdue University and Indiana University are about average at the undergraduate level, and below average at the graduate student level. When compared to other state's flagship universities, Indiana University's in-state undergraduate fees rank just above the national average, and Purdue University's rank just below the national average.

Despite this year's progress, the Commission expressed concern about the overall price of tuition. While tuition at Purdue and IU remains close to the national average, Vincennes University and Ivy Tech rank among the nation's most expensive two-year colleges. Tuition at these institutions is substantially higher than most other states for in-state students. The Commission's Chair, Steve Ferguson, noted that "Indiana is working to increase postsecondary participation, and many Hoosiers need an affordable way to access these opportunities. To achieve these goals, we need innovative strategies for providing high quality opportunities more efficiently."

Charts illustrating the comparative information are attached. For a full copy of the update, please contact the Commission for Higher Education at (317) 464-4400.

**TABLE 1**  
**Indiana Public Colleges and Universities**  
**Full-time Hoosier Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees**

	1996-97		1997-98	
<b>INDIANA UNIVERSITY</b>				
Bloomington	\$3,783	3.9%	\$3,929	
East	2,728	4.5%	2,849	
Kokomo	2,757	4.8%	2,890	
Northwest	2,768	4.2%	2,883	
South Bend	2,856	4.5%	2,985	
Southeast	2,718	4.8%	2,847	
IUPUI	3,300	4.3%	3,441	
<b>PURDUE UNIVERSITY</b>				
West Lafayette	3,208	4.5%	3,352	
Calumet	2,775	4.6%	2,902	<i>Note 1</i>
North Central	2,760	5.8%	2,919	<i>Note 1</i>
IUPU Ft. Wayne	3,006	4.9%	3,153	<i>Note 1</i>
Indiana State University	3,072	4.0%	3,196	
Univ. of Southern Indiana	2,454	4.6%	2,567	
Ball State University	3,286	3.9%	3,414	
Vincennes University	2,367	3.7%	2,455	
Ivy Tech State College	1,880	3.0%	1,937	
<i>Weighted Average</i>	<i>\$2,964</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>\$3,092</i>	

*Note 1: To facilitate this review of 1997-98 increases, 1997-98 rates shown here exclude mandatory parking fees on Purdue regional campuses which began in 1997-98. The parking fees are included on other historical data series, and the resultant totals are \$2,970 (7.0%) for PUC, \$2,979 (8.0%) for PUNC, and \$3,213 (6.9%) for IPFW.*

*The parking fees are excluded from this page because including them would overstate the impact for most students, who paid the fees in previous years when they were optional.*

*Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education*

**TABLE 2**

**Indiana Independent Colleges and Universities  
Tuition and Mandatory Fees**

	<b>1996-97</b>		<b>1997-98</b>
University of Notre Dame	\$18,810	6.3%	\$20,000
Earlham College	17,898	3.9%	18,602
DePauw University	16,180	5.4%	17,050
Rose-Hulman Institute	15,617	8.7%	16,968
Wabash College	14,825	5.9%	15,700
Butler University	14,900	5.3%	15,690
St. Mary's College	14,620	4.9%	15,336
Valparaiso University	13,980	7.7%	15,060
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</b>	<b>13,478</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>14,260</b>
University of Evansville	13,270	4.6%	13,880
Taylor Univ-Main Campus	12,774	5.6%	13,484
University of Indianapolis	12,350	5.2%	12,990
St. Mary-of-the-Woods Col	12,360	5.0%	12,975
St. Joseph's College	12,590	2.9%	12,950
Anderson University	12,040	5.5%	12,700
Manchester College	12,070	4.9%	12,660
Marian College	11,692	6.6%	12,458
Franklin College	11,370	8.7%	12,360
Huntington College	11,520	5.7%	12,180
Tri-State University	11,106	3.2%	11,457
Goshen College	10,900	5.0%	11,450
Taylor Univ-Ft. Wayne	10,655	7.2%	11,420
Bethel College	10,650	7.0%	11,400
Indiana Institute of Tech	10,030	8.2%	10,850
Indiana Wesleyan Univ.	10,260	4.5%	10,722
St. Francis College	10,220	4.8%	10,710
Hanover College	9,585	6.2%	10,180
Grace College & Seminary	9,506	3.3%	9,820
Oakland City College	7,966	4.7%	8,341
St. Meinrad College	6,975	16.5%	8,125
Martin University	6,980	9.2%	7,620
Holy Cross College	6,470	6.6%	6,900
Calumet Col of St. Joseph	5,500	10.7%	6,090
Ancilla College	\$3,540	15.0%	\$4,070

*Sorted in Order of Descending 1997-98 Tuition/Fee Rates*

*Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education*

TABLE 3

Big 10 Public Institutions  
1996-97 Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
UNDERGRADUATE	Michigan \$6,074	Michigan \$18,547
	Penn State 5,624	Penn State 11,964
	Michigan State 4,887	Michigan State 11,918
	Minnesota 4,363	Minnesota 11,601
	Illinois 4,153	<b>Indiana 11,403</b>
	<b>Indiana 3,783</b>	<b>Purdue 10,636</b>
	Ohio State 3,468	Ohio State 10,335
	<b>Purdue 3,208</b>	Wisconsin 10,150
	Wisconsin 3,032	Illinois 9,583
	Iowa \$2,646	Iowa \$9,244
GRADUATE	Michigan \$9,500	Michigan \$19,118
	Penn State 6,268	Wisconsin 13,296
	Michigan State 5,586	Ohio State 12,831
	Minnesota 5,150	Penn State 12,706
	Ohio State 4,941	Illinois 10,947
	Illinois 4,593	Michigan State 10,734
	Wisconsin 4,375	<b>Purdue 10,636</b>
	<b>Indiana 3,722</b>	<b>Indiana 10,212</b>
	<b>Purdue 3,208</b>	Minnesota 9,860
	Iowa \$3,110	Iowa \$9,628

Source: University of Missouri System Office of Planning and Budget

**TABLE 4**  
**1996-97 Tuition and Mandatory Fees**  
**Community (2-Year) Colleges**

1.	Vermont	\$2,880
2.	Massachusetts	2,540
3.	New York	2,454
	<b>VINCENNES UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>2,367</b>
4.	Alaska	2,150
5.	Minnesota	2,139
6.	New Jersey	2,110
7.	Maryland	2,063
8.	Ohio	1,958
9.	Wisconsin	1,943
10.	Maine	1,920
11.	Pennsylvania	1,892
	<b>IVY TECH STATE COLLEGE</b>	<b>1,880</b>
12.	North Dakota	1,811
13.	Iowa	1,808
14.	Rhode Island	1,726
15.	Connecticut	1,722
16.	Michigan	1,555
17.	Oregon	1,545
	<b>USA Average</b>	<b>1,457</b>
18.	Colorado	1,449
19.	Montana	1,435
20.	Virginia	1,429
21.	West Virginia	1,409
22.	Washington	1,401
23.	Utah	1,349
24.	Delaware	1,330
25.	Alabama	1,305
26.	Illinois	1,280
27.	Missouri	1,251
28.	Louisiana	1,242
29.	Oklahoma	1,205
30.	Georgia	1,190
31.	Nebraska	1,187
32.	South Carolina	1,183
33.	Kansas	1,172
34.	Florida	1,131
35.	Nevada	1,095
36.	Kentucky	1,080
37.	Wyoming	1,074
38.	Tennessee	1,056
39.	Idaho	1,042
40.	Mississippi	954
41.	Arkansas	952
42.	Texas	901
43.	Hawaii	788
44.	Arizona	774
45.	New Mexico	744
46.	North Carolina	557
47.	California	\$390

*Sources: State of Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board;  
Indiana Commission for Higher Education*